



Cardinal Stritch
Catholic High School & Academy

presents the 2023

Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony



President's Message



Welcome to the 2023 Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

For the last 30 years, Cardinal Stritch has been recognizing those who have shown outstanding service to Stritch. Unlike many Halls of Fame, Cardinal Stritch looks to assess each prospective candidate based upon the outstanding service that they have given to the Stritch family in the areas of:

Family – Outstanding service to Stritch from alumni, donors, parents, or employees.

Faith – Outstanding service (time, talent, treasure) to the community from alumni, donors, parents, or employees. Each clearly strives to love God with all his/her heart, soul, mind, and strength. Likewise, he/she should be one who manifests an active life of Christian Charity.

Knowledge – Distinguished professional accomplishments and contributions by an alum, donor, parent, or past school employee.

Strength – Significant personal achievements, character, sportsmanship, and/or playing ability from an alum, parent, employee, former athlete, or team.

Thank you to all in attendance tonight for showing your support for our community leaders, administrators, athletes, and longtime benefactors of the Cardinal Family.

Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge and thank our great Advancement Office, maintenance team, and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee who have contributed many hours to making this evening a memorable one.

Disciples First!

Bill Berry
President / Head of School

Program

5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

School Updates - Bill Berry, President / Head of School

Athletic Updates - Denny Shoemaker, Athletic Director

Induction Ceremony

Closing Remarks and Proceed to the Varsity Basketball Game

Previous Inductees

1994

Amy Cooley '79
Patrick Curley '67
Richard Koschalk '72
Bryan Smolinski '89
Martin Vieth

1995

Thomas & Alta Rollins
Robert Flynn '67
Walter Moore
Sister Rose Angela Muskala
Robert Reynolds '65

1996

Eldo & Agnes "Tomme" Bergman
Jesse DeMaria '77
Daniel Fitzpatrick '75
Sister Florian O'Shesky

1999

David McDaniel '65
James Intagliata
James Kubacki
Thomas "T.D." Talbott
Ronald Zak
Monsignor Michael Walz*

2000

Sister Ann Carmen Barone
Clarence Carter '85
Thomas Greer
Marianne Herrick
Kirk Packo '71
1984-85 Wrestling Team

2001

Raymond & Bernadine Gargac
Robert Gunner
Robert Molnar '65
Sister Jane Mary Sorosiak
Robert Vincent
Timothy Yenrick '81

2002

Sheri Schudel Caldwell '84
Paul & Elaine Raglow
Charles Rajner '66
Michael Sheehy '66
Donald Thomas '65
Sister Blandina Tomchek

2003

Larry Davenport '68
Walter & Dorothy Goetz
Dennis Molnar '71*
Kathleen Zsigray Orsini '80
Thomas Santoro '68

2004

James Jaros '80
Sister Blanchie Kujawski
Gerard Lonsway
Patrick & Marilyn McAlear
Reverend William Rose '85

2011

Honorary Inductee Christy Bosch

2012

Joseph Gajdostik '86
Richard "Slim" Henning*
Michael McAlear '78
Reverend John Stites
Cheryl Trombley
1975-76 Football Team

2013

Timothy Mahoney
William Pasztor '65*
Philip Skeldon '80
1972-73 Wrestling Team
1975-76 Girls' Basketball Team

2014

Sister Mary Ann Grzeskowiak
(formerly Sister Louis DeMontfort)
Teresa Zsigray
Brandon Toler '01
Brian Loux '75
Daniel '67 & Sandi Reardon
1983-84 Boys' Basketball Team

2015

Sister Mary Serra Minier
Frederick Ivan '66
Scott Zapadka '89
Paul & Mary Dusseau*
1972-73 Football Team

2017

Michael DeMaria '00
John "Jack" Haley*
Michael Manthey '72*
Jennifer LaPlante McDonald '99
Patrick Raglow '83
1970-71 Girls' Basketball Team

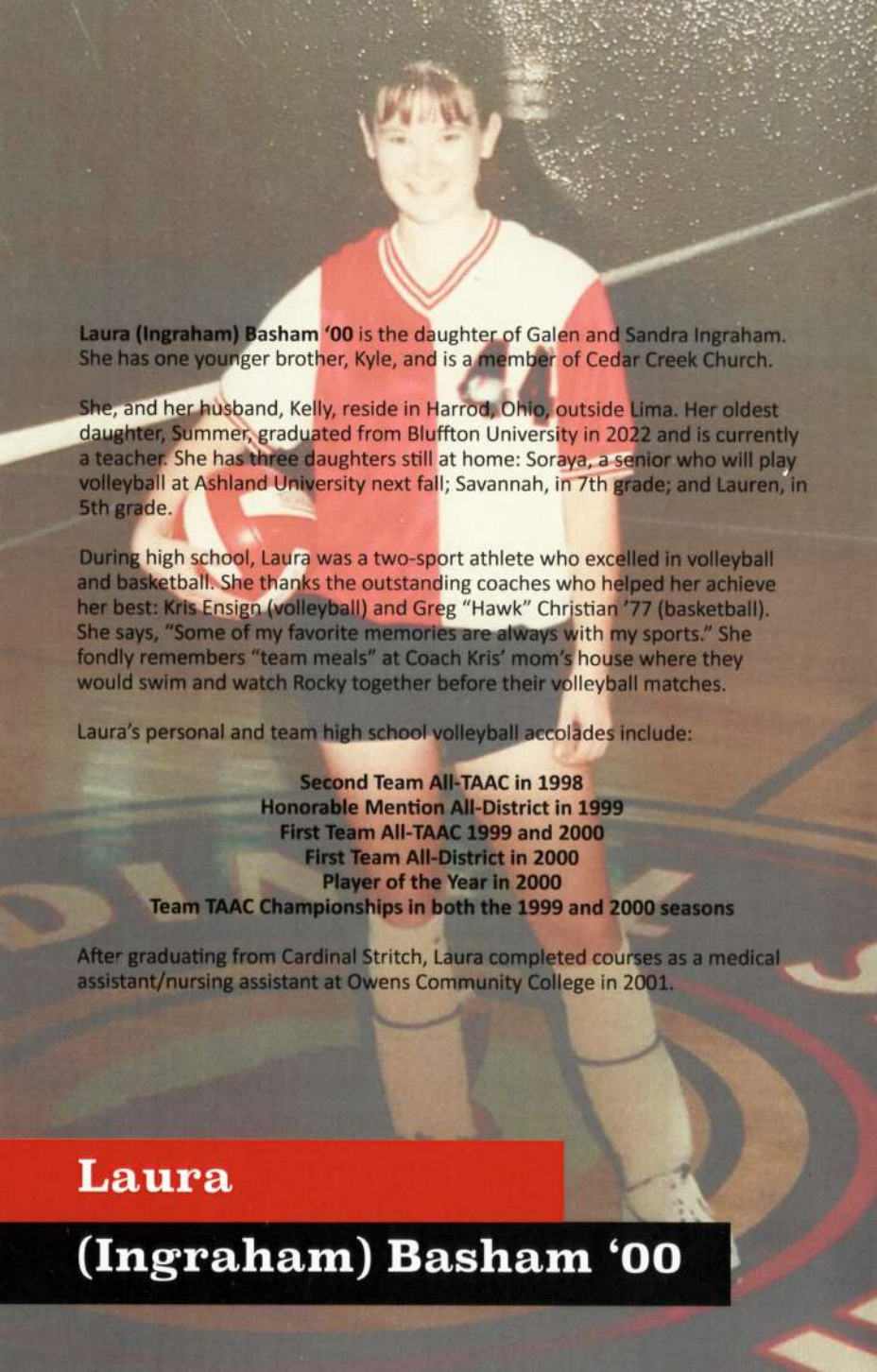
2019

Gregory Christian '77
Timothy Croak '78
Mary-Lynn Hadley '07
Daniel Karamol
Paul Luther '74
The Derr Family

2021

Julie Christen Payeff '87
James "Jim" Sheehy '80
Cheryl "Cherie" Zam Moore '70
1999 Stritch Football Team

*Posthumously Inducted

A full-page background photograph of Laura (Ingraham) Basham, a young woman with short brown hair, smiling and holding a volleyball. She is wearing a red and white volleyball jersey. The background shows a volleyball court with a net and other players in the distance.

Laura (Ingraham) Basham '00 is the daughter of Galen and Sandra Ingraham. She has one younger brother, Kyle, and is a member of Cedar Creek Church.

She, and her husband, Kelly, reside in Harrod, Ohio, outside Lima. Her oldest daughter, Summer, graduated from Bluffton University in 2022 and is currently a teacher. She has three daughters still at home: Soraya, a senior who will play volleyball at Ashland University next fall; Savannah, in 7th grade; and Lauren, in 5th grade.

During high school, Laura was a two-sport athlete who excelled in volleyball and basketball. She thanks the outstanding coaches who helped her achieve her best: Kris Ensign (volleyball) and Greg "Hawk" Christian '77 (basketball). She says, "Some of my favorite memories are always with my sports." She fondly remembers "team meals" at Coach Kris' mom's house where they would swim and watch Rocky together before their volleyball matches.

Laura's personal and team high school volleyball accolades include:

Second Team All-TAAC in 1998
Honorable Mention All-District in 1999
First Team All-TAAC 1999 and 2000
First Team All-District in 2000
Player of the Year in 2000
Team TAAC Championships in both the 1999 and 2000 seasons

After graduating from Cardinal Stritch, Laura completed courses as a medical assistant/nursing assistant at Owens Community College in 2001.

Laura

(Ingraham) Basham '00



Her love of volleyball eventually brought her back to the sport through coaching. From 2013-2015, she coached middle school volleyball at Elida Middle School, finishing with a 35-1 record and back-to-back tournament championships. She then coached travel volleyball at Trailblazers Volleyball Club from 2015-2016.

In 2016, with her coaching experience speaking for itself, she was asked to apply for a high school coaching position at Allen East High School and is currently in her 8th year as their head varsity coach. In the past eight seasons, she has broken the "most wins in a season" record twice and tied it twice. She has coached multiple record holders, a handful of players who went on to play collegiate volleyball, and the first Northwest Conference Volleyball Player of the Year from Allen East High School, who also happened to be her daughter, Soraya!

Over the past four years, during the high school off-season, Laura has coached a national-level travel volleyball team at the Elite Volleyball Training Center out of the Columbus area.

Congratulations on your success as a student-athlete at Cardinal Stritch and your continued efforts in developing the next generation of student-athletes.

Welcome home, Laura (Ingraham) Basham '00!



Congratulations to **John Nikoncyk Jr. '65**, a member of our first graduating class! John is the son of John and Mary Nikoncyk and the brother of Thomas Nikoncyk '68 and Linda (Nikoncyk) Newvahner '66. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. He is an active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Bono.

John and his wife of 56 years, Kristine, have four children: Amy, Chad, Sean, and Nathan. They are blessed to have seven grandchildren: Lauren, Kirsten, Charlotte, Josephine, Kaden, Mara, and Adrian, and one great-grandson, Clay.

When John entered the doors of Cardinal Stritch as a freshman in 1961, he helped build the traditions and values of Cardinal Stritch by being actively involved. He played basketball, was a member of the track team, Varsity S Club, and played the saxophone all four years in the marching, concert, and show bands. John has said some of his favorite high school memories include playing sports with his teammates on the first teams at Stritch, marching in the Christmas parades with the band, playing in band concerts, attending dances, and being able to participate in National Tennis Shoe Day since they never wore tennis shoes to school in the 60s! His high school mentors include band director Gerard Lonsway, math teacher Sister Rose Angela, and coaches Jim Kubacki and Marty Vieth.

After graduating from Cardinal Stritch, John studied Data Processing at Penta Tech and landed a job in commercial trucking. Throughout his 39-year career, he worked for Duff Truck Lines, Carolina Freight, and ABF Freight Systems. While employed at Carolina Freight, he received the Toledo Quality Employee of the Year Award in 1990. In 2003, he retired as a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

John has a passion for sports and the heart of a teacher. He shared this winning combination with youth and adults from 1970 to 2018 when he retired from coaching after 49 years.

His coaching career began with a women's basketball team in the Toledo City League from 1970-1984. That team was the Ohio AAU State runner-up in 1974 and 1975. At the same time, he was the assistant coach for a women's slow-pitch softball team, participating in seven ASA and USSSA National Tournaments.

John was the junior varsity basketball coach at the former McCauley High School from 1984-1987 and the junior varsity assistant coach at St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Fremont, Ohio, from 2015-2018.

John

Nikoncyk '65



FIRST VARSITY CAGE TEAM-1963



He also coached his children's teams in girls' basketball and softball and boys' basketball and baseball. Later, he helped his son-in-law coach two of his granddaughter's basketball travel teams. One team was the USSSA National Tournament runner-up in 2005, the AYB National Tournament Champions in 2011, and the AYB National Tournament runner-up in 2012.

In the mid-70s John was determined to help build female athletics at Stritch and assisted wherever he was needed to aid the programs. He spent many hours volunteering with the distance runners in girls' track and scouting for the girls' basketball team. The highlight was in 1976 when Coach Marianne Herrick led the team, with John's scouting help, to the Class AA Semi-Finals of the first Ohio High School Athletic Association basketball tournament for girls. The tournament was held at St. John Arena on Ohio State University's campus. John said, "It was a privilege for me to see them compete for the state championship." Bishop Hartley defeated the team, who went on to win the title.

John has proven over and over that "Once a Cardinal, always a Cardinal" with his never-ending support of Cardinal Stritch athletics, both the male and female programs. One of his nominators proudly stated, "John is a true example of the pride and dedication to the tradition and spirit of Cardinal Stritch," and we couldn't agree more. With over 60 years at Cardinal Stritch, John can still be found cheering on the Cardinals at games, praying with them at Mass, and applauding a job well done at concerts.

Tonight, we applaud John Nikoncyk Jr. '65 and his years of selfless support of Cardinal Stritch as we welcome him into the 2023 Hall of Fame.



Jennifer “Jenny” (Toth) Wasserman ‘97 is the daughter of Leslie and Debbie (Bishop ‘73) Toth. She is the oldest of her four siblings: Katie, Leslie, Michael, and Matthew, and she is also aunt to Kenleigh, Everleigh, and Emma.

She is married to her high school sweetheart, Don Wasserman ‘97, whose parents, Ted ‘67 and Jan (Pollauf ‘68) Wasserman, are also Stritch graduates. Don and Jenny have two children: Kyle, a senior who will be pursuing his academic and baseball career at the collegiate level next spring, and Kara, a 7th-grade Cardinal following in her mom’s footsteps of being a multi-sport athlete. The family belongs to Epiphany of the Lord Parish - St. Stephens, where Kyle and Kara are servers, Jenny and Don are ushers, and Jenny is a Eucharistic Minister.

In high school, Jenny enjoyed participating in sports and extra-curricular activities, and making lifelong friends. She was on the homecoming committee, yearbook staff, and student council (as a homeroom rep and executive board corresponding secretary) and participated in the YES program. She also served as the secretary of the Spanish club, as an open house and visitation tour guide, and assisted with the freshman retreat. Athletically, Jenny was a three-sport athlete in track, volleyball, and basketball. During her senior year, she was co-captain of the basketball team and was named MVP. She would like to make special note of three of her high school coaches: Bob Yarberry, Frank Liller, and Greg “Hawk” Christian ‘77.

After graduating from Stritch, Jenny received a Medical Office Technologist certificate from the Oregon Board of Adult Education. In 2005 she earned an associate degree in Business and Office Administration from Owens Community College, graduating summa cum laude as a member of the Kappa Beta Delta/Phi Theta Kappa organization and received the Outstanding Graduate Award.

Jenny completed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 30-hour certification program and then spent the past 12 years as an employee of the BP-Husky refinery. She began as an administrative assistant before being promoted to a Management of Change (MOC) Specialist. Jenny joined the staff at Cardinal Stritch as administrative support in October of 2023.

She has built a beautiful family within her own everyday life, but she’s also touched the lives of many in the wider Cardinal Family through her years of volunteer work and coaching. She served on the Red & Black event and girls’ varsity basketball hiring committees for one year.

Jennifer

(Toth) Wasserman ‘97



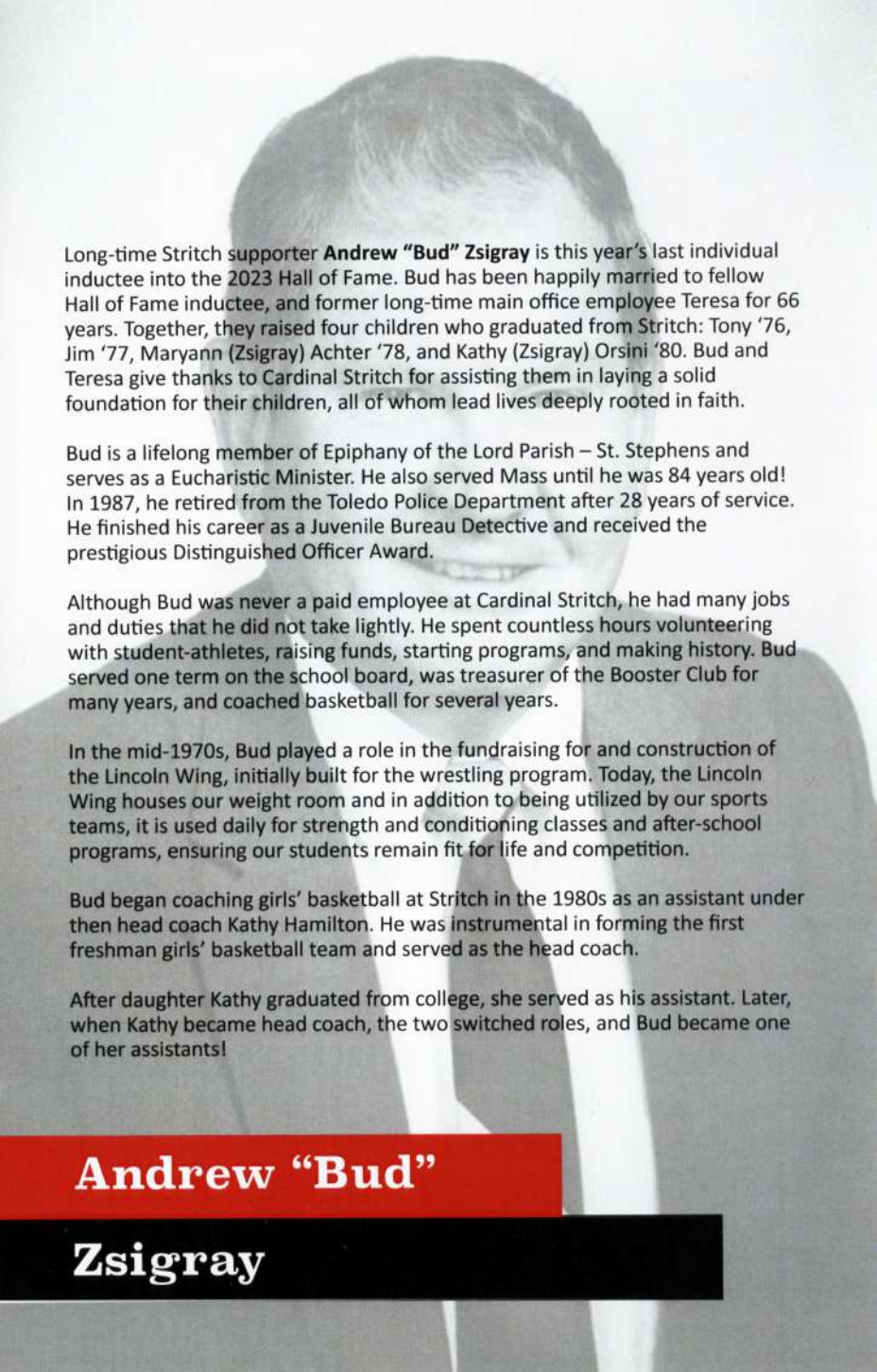
With the help of her sidekick and best friend, Nichole O'Brien, the two have coached their daughters and second-generation best friends, Kara and Liah, in basketball and volleyball for the past four years. The two friends also co-founded and ran the "Cardinals Nest," an Academy parent group at Cardinal Stritch, for seven years. The Cardinals Nest grew from a handful of parents looking for ways to volunteer to an organization that meets monthly. They plan and execute student appreciation weeks, pep rallies, book fairs, faculty and staff acknowledgments, field days, the Servant's Heart award, new family support, uniform swaps, spirit wear sales, and family events, which include the Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Bowling, Trunk or Treating, and more.

Jenny is a selfless and giving individual looking for ways to help our Cardinals. She will stand in the background to not bring attention to herself for a job well done because seeing the kids excel is all the "thanks" she needs. Jenny is the first to volunteer and is willing to get her hands dirty, proven through her yearly end-of-the-year gig of cleaning out the student lockers and resetting the combinations for the next school year. She has been doing this task since Kyle was in preschool.

We are blessed to have Jenny as an alum, coach, volunteer, and employee, at Cardinal Stritch. Jenny embodies our pillars of Family, Faith, Knowledge, and Strength through her 30-year history with Cardinal Stritch. A friend wrote her nomination letter, stating, "When we say Stritch is a family, she makes sure that the family is taken care of with her time, talent, and treasure. She is what we need more of at Stritch, and I am so honored to be able to nominate her for the Cardinal Stritch Hall of Fame."

Congratulations Jenny (Toth) Wasserman '97!





Long-time Stritch supporter **Andrew “Bud” Zsigray** is this year’s last individual inductee into the 2023 Hall of Fame. Bud has been happily married to fellow Hall of Fame inductee, and former long-time main office employee Teresa for 66 years. Together, they raised four children who graduated from Stritch: Tony ‘76, Jim ‘77, Maryann (Zsigray) Achter ‘78, and Kathy (Zsigray) Orsini ‘80. Bud and Teresa give thanks to Cardinal Stritch for assisting them in laying a solid foundation for their children, all of whom lead lives deeply rooted in faith.

Bud is a lifelong member of Epiphany of the Lord Parish – St. Stephens and serves as a Eucharistic Minister. He also served Mass until he was 84 years old! In 1987, he retired from the Toledo Police Department after 28 years of service. He finished his career as a Juvenile Bureau Detective and received the prestigious Distinguished Officer Award.

Although Bud was never a paid employee at Cardinal Stritch, he had many jobs and duties that he did not take lightly. He spent countless hours volunteering with student-athletes, raising funds, starting programs, and making history. Bud served one term on the school board, was treasurer of the Booster Club for many years, and coached basketball for several years.

In the mid-1970s, Bud played a role in the fundraising for and construction of the Lincoln Wing, initially built for the wrestling program. Today, the Lincoln Wing houses our weight room and in addition to being utilized by our sports teams, it is used daily for strength and conditioning classes and after-school programs, ensuring our students remain fit for life and competition.

Bud began coaching girls’ basketball at Stritch in the 1980s as an assistant under then head coach Kathy Hamilton. He was instrumental in forming the first freshman girls’ basketball team and served as the head coach.

After daughter Kathy graduated from college, she served as his assistant. Later, when Kathy became head coach, the two switched roles, and Bud became one of her assistants!

Andrew “Bud”

Zsigray



Bud made many lifelong friendships during his time as a parent and volunteer at Cardinal Stritch. Some of his fondest memories and favorite fundraisers include "Nobody's Wedding," the "Champagne and Steak Dinner," and the yearly festivals. Along with Ron Zak and Charlie Hatfield, Bud could always be found in the kitchen, cooking for many different events!

Bud would also like to acknowledge his dear friend, Father John Stites, and many of the nuns who taught at Stritch, who have remained in contact with Bud and Teresa over the years. He and Sister Florian O'Shesky used to swap plant start-ups for their gardens.

Outside of Stritch, Bud coached in the CYO league for many years and won several league championships. He especially enjoyed coaching his granddaughters. In 1980, Bud received the CYO Coach of the Year Award!

Whenever you hear about the "Family, Faith, Knowledge, and Strength" at Cardinal Stritch, you cannot help but think of Bud.

Congratulations, and thank you for your years of service, Bud Zsigray!



RESOLUTION

The City of Toledo, Ohio

HONORING THE DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF WAITE HIGH SCHOOL AND CARDINAL STITCH HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMENDING THE STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS THEREOF IN ACHIEVING NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION COMPETITION

WHEREAS, Distributive Education has become an important segment of high school education in furthering interest in the retail trades which are a source of employment to many of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Distributive Education Clubs of Waite High School and Cardinal Stritch High School, and their instructors, Robert Tarpchinoff and John Maxey and Distributive Education Director Kenneth McLaren, have achieved national recognition in this field; and

WHEREAS, Carol Pastorek, Cathy Geisel and Joanne Springer, all students of Cardinal Stritch High School, and Kyle Bee and Allan Miller of Waite High School, have been declared national winners in Distributive Education competition, and Diane Luda, Steve Tscherne and Ray Wilson captured second place honors in national competition, and Mike Quilter and Jerry Cooper have been awarded honorable mention in national competition; and

WHEREAS, national first place chapter of the year awards went to Cindy Crossgrove, Catherine Geisel, Linda Gelacek, and Marguerite Alvarado; and creative marketing first place awards to Julie Graher, Marguerite Alvarado, Mary Gadus, and Joni Novak, all of Cardinal Stritch High School; and

WHEREAS, these young students have brought great distinction to themselves, their instructors and their schools; and


WHEREAS, the citizens of our community can be justly proud in the accomplishments of these young people and their instructors; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOLEDO:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Toledo shall and on behalf of all of the citizens of this community does hereby express its congratulations to these national winners in competition in Distributive Education, their instructors and their respective schools in winning national acclaim and bringing great honor and distinction to themselves, their schools and to this community.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to spread this Resolution upon the minutes of the Council and to provide copies hereof to those young people so honored by this Resolution, to their instructors, their schools and to the Board of Education of the City of Toledo.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 29th day of May 1973.


Harry Kessler
Harry Kessler
Mayor

1972 - 73

DECA Chapter

We have a Cardinal Stritch "first" to honor today as we induct the **1972-73 DECA Chapter** into the Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy Hall of Fame.

We'd like to first introduce their advisor, Mr. John Maxey. John received his undergraduate and Master of Education degrees from Bowling Green State University. He has been in education for over 30 years, working at Elmwood, Start, Waite, Libbey, and of course, Cardinal Stritch. Over the course of his career, he has taught marketing (DECA) courses, coached baseball and football, and served as an assistant principal and as a vocational skill center director. John and his wife, Judy, have been married for 53 years, and reside in Bowling Green. They have two children: Kirk and Kara, and three grandchildren, Mackenzie, Koby, and Brody.

During the 1972-73 school year, the DECA chapter established a new state record with 18 winners at the State of Ohio DECA competition, including ten first-place awards, three second-place awards, two third-place awards, and three honorable mentions.

At the time Ohio, had a total of 356 DECA programs serving over 8,000 students, and Cardinal Stritch was awarded the Ohio DECA Chapter of the Year! They advanced to the National DECA competition hosted in Atlantic City, where Cardinal Stritch won four first-place finishes, three second-place finishes, and one honorable mention, and was named the National Chapter of the Year! There were over 3000 high school chapters in the United States.

On the way home from Atlantic City, the trophy that stood over five feet tall had to be stored in a first-class closet on board the plane with the top detached! Mr. Maxey and the students recall that the plane had serious tire issues on the way back, but many of the students now joke that all they could think of was how they would take care of their trophies if they had to crash land. They all remember the plane erupting in applause when they landed. The Stritch band played the fight



song, and hundreds of students, families, faculty members, clergy, media, and TV cameras welcomed the Chapter home at Toledo Express airport.

Some of the members we have in attendance tonight and/or submitted updates include:

Joanne (Springer) Campbell '73 was the president of the 1972-73 Cardinal Stritch DECA Chapter and placed first in the Food Service Industry category at both the state and national levels. She graduated from the University of Toledo as a registered nurse and retired as the Powell County Health Department Nursing Supervisor. Joanne spends most of her time with her grandchildren, teaches CCD, is secretary of the Clay City Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation board, and is a Clay City, Kentucky, council member. She, and her late husband, Al, had four children and eight grandchildren.

Joan (Novak) Goins '73 attended Owens Community College and graduated with an Associate of Arts in Psychology degree. She was inducted into Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology for community colleges, and graduated with the highest honors. Joanne is a widow with two children and four grandchildren. She credits the late Father Tom Leyland, as her mentor in high school.

Catherine (Geisel) Gruenwald '73 was involved with the preparations, events, and activities that led the chapter to win Chapter of the Year at district, state, and national competition and represented Stritch in numerous promotional and congratulatory events following the national win. She placed first in all three competitions for her Marketing Reach Study in the Home Furnishing Industry category. Catherine graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing with a diploma in nursing and attained her BLS, ALS, ACLS, and CCRN while working in the ICU at Mercy Hospital for 23 years. She raised three sons and volunteered at the Toledo Museum of Art. Catherine made lifelong friends at Stritch and learned skills that assisted her in many accomplishments throughout her life. She is now retired and enjoying activities that keep her happy and healthy.

Robert Johns '73 retired from the USAF after 24 years as an Air Battle Manager, rank O-4 Major. He worked as a senior systems analyst developing missile defense systems for the Missile Defense Agency. He and his wife, Tammy, have been married for 45 years, and have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Carol (Pastorek) Kuntz '73 took first at the district, state (twice), and national competitions for her General Merchandise Retail Marketing Manual. She's been active in arts and cultural organizations for 25+ years and held various positions as business manager, events coordinator, and grants coordinator. She received her Associate degree in Applied Science from Meramec Community College and is a professional gardener. Since 2010, she's volunteered as the Fort de Chartres Heritage Garden Project curator. Carol was very involved in high school and looks back fondly on her years at Stritch, including being a member of the National Honor Society. She and her husband, Nick, reside in St. Louis, Missouri, and have three children and two grandchildren.

Michael Quilter '73 placed first at the district and state levels and honorable mention (Top 6) at nationals. He says he was an introverted, low-achieving student, but Mr. Maxey saw his potential and helped him shape his future. He says he owes much of his success to Stritch and Mr. Maxey. Mike graduated from the University of Toledo with an Associate degree in Nursing and received a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Grand Canyon University. Mike has spent 35 years as a flight nurse, supervisor, and certified emergency room nurse and was also runner-up for Arizona Nurse of the Year. Mike and his wife of 25 years, Laurie, have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Cynthia (Crossgrove) Rizzo '73 placed second at the state competition for her manual on Jewelry Merchandising, was co-chair of the Chapter of the Year entry, and the student representative on stage at nationals for the trophy presentation. Cindy worked in retail for a few years before finding her calling as a photoengraver at the Toledo Blade. She completed an apprenticeship program before becoming a journeyman and greatly enjoyed her job. She has many wonderful memories of her time as a student at Cardinal Stritch.

Mary (Marchal) Struck '73 won honorable mention at state and was a key member in compiling the Chapter of the Year entry for state and nationals. At 19, she, her sister, Judy (DECA Class of '71), and a friend enjoyed a self-guided experience of eight countries in one month! They flew from Windsor Canada to England with a ferry excursion across the English Channel. They backpacked and traveled by train, bus, and walking throughout England, France, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy, and Germany. Having been a two-year French student and member of the French Club was extremely helpful on this trip! At age 20, she and her sister, Judy, took a cross-country tour from Ohio to California and back. Mary worked at two nuclear power plant facilities for 17 years and earned security clearance at both. In 2023, she retired from Lucas County Children Services after 14 years as an information release specialist. Mary served as the treasurer on the board of directors for the Homeowners Association at Sand Beach. She is married with two children and six grandchildren and enjoys cooking, gardening, traveling, golfing, fishing, and caring for her lake home.

OHIO DECA WINNERS

1st Place

Chapter of the Year

Linda (Gelacek) Snyder - Female Student of the Year
Carol (Pastorek) Kuntz - Variety Store Merchandising
Carol (Pastorek) Kuntz - Advertising
Stephen Tscherne - Specialty Store Merchandising
Catherine (Geisel) Gruenwald - Home Furnishing Industry
Diane (Luda) Petro - Service Industry
Joanne (Springer) Campbell - Food Industry
Raymond Wilson - General Merchandising Creative Marketing Project

2nd Place

Michael Quilter - Area Distribution Manual
Cinthia (Crossgrove) Rizzo - Jewelry Store Public Relations

3rd Place

Linda (Gelacek) Snyder - Department Store Merchandising
Michael Quilter - Male Student of the Year
Michael Quilter - Job Interview

Honorable Mention

Linda (Gelacek) Snyder - Free Enterprise
Robert Johns - Automobile Petroleum Industry
Mary (Marchal) Struck - Mobile Home Industry

NATIONAL DECA WINNERS

1st Place

National DECA Chapter of the Year

Carol (Pastorek) Kuntz - Variety Store Merchandising
Catherine (Geisel) Gruenwald - Home Furnishing Industry
Joanne (Springer) Campbell - Food Industry

2nd Place

Diane (Luda) Petro - Service Industry
Stephen Tscherne - Specialty Store Industry
Raymond Wilson - Merchandise Information

Honorable Mention

Michael Quilter - Male Student of the Year





The Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy coat of arms contains the ideas bound up in the history of the school. On the top of the crest, a mighty cardinal is perched. The cardinal, a small bird always ready and fearless in fight, is the school's emblem. The tower of Toledo, Spain, in the upper left-hand section of the crest, represents the Diocese of Toledo, to which the school belongs.

In the upper right-hand section is Bishop Rehring's cross, signifying that the school was constructed during his episcopate. Three red crosses, symbolizing the stigmata of St. Francis for the Sylvania Franciscans who originally filled the greater part of Stritch's teaching staff, occupy the lower right-hand section. The wavy line on the lower left side stands for the Maumee River.

The red lion rampant in the center is Cardinal Stritch's insignia, the words *Deus Adjutor Meus*, inscribed along the bottom are a part of Samuel Cardinal Stritch's motto translated, "God is my helper."

Alma Mater

In our minds we see your glory
Hearts so faithful looking back
We revere you Alma Mater,
We salute the red and black.
Cardinal Stritch we fondly cherish,
Brilliant red and solid black.
Love you give and love you ask for,
In return how much we lack.
Yet we pledge our love imperfect,
To the red and to the black.
Yet we pledge our love imperfect,
To the red and to the black.

- Sister M. Amata, OSF

Fight Song

We are Card'nals
shouting out a cheer for
famed Stritch High.
We are Card'nals
winging far and wide
this vic'try cry – Fight! Fight! Fight!
We will fight with all our might
and soar to vic-to-ry.
We're the best of all the rest
the best we will be.
For we are fighting Card'nals
shouting out a cheer for vic-to-ry...
FIGHT!